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E.O. 11652:GDS
TAGS:PINS, PINT, JM
SUBJECT:GOJ REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO TRANSPORT HOUSE
TRAILERS TO JAMAICA
REF: KINGSTON 1091
1. ON MARCH 29, MINISTER MATALON TELEPHONED DEPT.(ARA/CAR)
TO REQUEST OUR SUPPORT OF PROJECT. HE STATED THAT THE NEW
TRAILERS ARE BEING CONSTRUCTED IN OCALA, FLORIDA. HE
EMPHASIZED THAT THE "NEED IS NOW, AND THAT JAMAICA CAN
ONLY ARRANGE FOR ABOUT ONE TRAILER BY SEALIFT PER WEEK. HE
SAID THAT COST WAS NO PROBLEM AS FAR AS STANDARD COMMERCIAL
RATES WERE CONCERNED. WE WOULD LIKE TO BE AS FORTHCOMING
AND HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE AND WE ARE SYMPATHIC TO THE NEED.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS MONITORED EXCHANGES OF COMMUNICATIONS
BETWEEN USDAO KINGSTON AND CNO/CSAF CONCERNING REQUEST FOR
MILITARY TRANSPORTATION OF HOUSE TRAILERS TO JAMAICA.
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NAVY HAS ADVISED THAT NO SEALIFT CAPABILITY AVAILABLE

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EXCEPT THAT BELONGING TO MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND (MSC). ALL AIRCRAFT WHICH ARE CAPABLE OF MOVING A LOAD OF THIS SIZE ARE ASSIGNED TO MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND (MAC). AS EMBASSY MAY KNOW, BOTH MAC AND MSC ARE ETABLISHED AS "INDUSTRIALLY FUNDED" UNDER CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTIVES. THIS MEANS THAT MAC AND MSC MUST BE REIMBURSED FOR EACH PASSENGER OR ITEM OF CARGO THEY MOVE.

3. TOTAL COST OF MSC OCEAN MOVEMENT INCLUDING CHARTER, ON LOAD, OFF LOAD, AND OTHER TERMINAL CHARGES IS ESTIMATED TO BE 150,000 DOLS. ESTIMATED TIME TO COMPLETE LIFT BY MSC IS FOUR (4) WEEKS IF DOD DECISION MADE NOT LATER THAN APRIL 10, 1974.

4. MAC DATA FOLLOWS: C-141 AIRCRAFT NOT CAPABLE OF CARRYING AN ITEM AS HIGH AS THE TRAILERS (INTERIOR HEIGHT MEASURES 109 INCHES). IT IS QUESTIONABLE HOW MANY TRAILERS COULD BE PLACED INSIDE A C-5 AIRCRAFT. THE INTERIOR DECK MEASURES 121 FT IN LENGTH SO IT IS POSSIBLE THAT TWO 60 FT TRAILERS MIGHT BE PLACED ONE BEHIND THE OTHER IF THE 60 FT TRAILER LENGTH INCLUDE THE TONGUE. IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO PLACE TRAILERS SIDE BY SIDE AS INTERIOR DECK MEASURES ONLY 19 FT WIDE. C-5 COSTS 3,918 DOLS PER FLYING HOUR IF THE MOVER IS AN AGENCY OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND MAC IS REIMBURSED WITH U.S. GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATED FUNDS. IF MAC IS REIMBURSED WITH OTHER THAN U.S. GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATED FUNDS, THE RATE PER FLYING HOUR FOR THE C-5 IS 4,836 DOLS. WE ESTIMATE APPROXI-MATELY SIX FLYING HOURS WOULD BE INVOLVED IN EACH ROUND TRIP FROM FLORIDA TO KINGSTON AND APPROXIMATELY SEVEN FLYING HOURS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO POSITION/DEPOSITION THE AIRCRAFT FOR THIS MISSION. THERE IS A MINIMUM CHARGE OF TWO FLYING HOURS PER DAY FOR EACH DAY THE AIRCRAFT IS TIED UP WHETHER IT FLIES OR NOT. ESTIMATE MAC AIRLIFT WOULD REQUIRE ABOUT TWO WEEKS FROM TIME OF DOD DECISION. AIRLIFT IS CONTINGENT ON SUCCESSFUL SURVEY OF JAMAICAN AIRFIELDS TO DETERMINE SUITABILITY FOR C-5 OPERATIONS. SURVEY TIME IS INCLUDED IN TWO WEEK ESTIMATE.

5. DEPARTMENT MAY BE ABLE TO SECURE MILITARY AIRLIFT OR CONFIDENTIAL

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SEALIFT SUPPORT FROM DEFENSE ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS PROVIDED IT IS IN THE U.S. NATIONAL INTEREST FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO UNDERTAKE THE SHIPMENT AND THERE IS A CLEAR DETERMINATION THAT COMMERCIAL CARRIERS (PRIMARILY U.S. FLAG CARRIERS) ARE NOT CAPABLE OF PROVIDING THE DESIRED TRANSPORTATION WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME. NON REIMBURSABLE TRANSPORTATION IS NOT AVAILABLE AND DOD ADVISES DEFENSE FUNDS ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE. SECTION

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112 OF THE AMENDED FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF DECEMBER 1973, DOES NOT RPT NOT NOW SEEM TO BE AN IMPEDIMENT.

6. REQUEST EMBASSY EVALUATE JAMAICAN REQUEST IN LIGHT OF THE FOREGOING, AND ADVISE DEPARTMENT WHETHER U.S. NATIONAL INTEREST WARRANTS PROVIDING U.S. GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT U.S. FLAG COMMERCIAL

TRANSPORTATION NOT AVAILABLE ON TIMELY BASIS, AND ALSO CONFIRM GOJ ABILITY TO FUND PROJECT FULLY. RUSH

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